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## **Flood Response Update**

**Wednesday, 6/22/11**

**June 22, 2011 –**

Assistant Fire Chief Dan Stolinski provided the following information on flood response activities at the daily press briefing:

- The Missouri River water elevation level is currently at 34.49 feet (flood stage is 29 feet). The estimates show by Sunday, June 26<sup>th</sup>, the river will be at 34.2 feet. These estimates are provided by the National Weather Service.
- The Gavins Point Dam will be releasing 155,000 CSF starting today. By Thursday, 160,000 CSF is expected (150,000 CSF is currently being released).
- Riverfront Drive continues to be closed to traffic at 600 North Riverfront Drive. However, traffic is allowed to access Rick's Boatyard Café from the South and the Bob Kerrey Pedestrian Bridge from the North.
- Volunteer sandbagging operations at Levi Carter Park has been suspended to remove sandbags. It will start again this Thursday and continue until Saturday. Volunteers can help sandbag from 12:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. or 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
- Planned activities for the next 24-72 hours include-
  1. 24-hour monitoring of the entire levee by the Nebraska National Guard.
  2. Dewatering the Magellan facility will continue.
  3. Installing additional large-capacity pumps and rerouting water in the area of the Burt/Izard pump station.
  4. Monitoring the areas behind the levees for any water table increases.

The Douglas County Emergency Management Agency has sponsored a website dedicated to the 2011 Missouri River Flood: [www.omahaflood.org](http://www.omahaflood.org).

Residents seeking answers to flood-related questions can also call 2-1-1.

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